Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 3.- Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson entertained Sunday afternoon with a get-together at their home on Timberlake Road in Lynchburg, serving coffee and cake. The occasion was the birthdays of those in December, Mrs. Wesley Carter honored guest, Mr. Bolden McCormick, Mrs. Earl Clapp and Mrs. C. R. McCormick. Also the 13th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bolden McCormick, who were married Nov. 30th, 1945. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Carter, Barbara and Wanda, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McCormick, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clapp, Denice and Clinton, of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Bolden McCormick and Maurine, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCormick, of Spout Spring; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCormick and Brenda and Rocky, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Candler and son, Charlie, of Lynchburg.

The Spout Spring Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Georgia Schindler with good attendance on Wednesday at 2 P. M. Miss Virginia Shirey gave an interesting report of the Achievement Day program held in October. Miss Mary Armistead gave the demonstration on floor coverings, which included very interesting and valuable information. The next meeting will be the Christmas party, with Miss Shirey, at which the families will be invited on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 P. M.

Those who visited Mrs. Juddy Glover during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Greene, of Farmville, Mrs. Anne Anderson, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Tolley and son, Roy, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Ray Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. George Ray Baldwin and two children, Junior and Etta Fay, of Evergreen, and Mrs. C. H. McCall, of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolden McCormick and daughter attended the all-day Thanksgiving Fellowship meeting, held in Park Avenue Baptist Church in Lynchburg on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne visited Mrs. Walker Wooldridge, of Concord Sunday evening.

Miss Dolly Lee Ferguson, who has been on the sick list, is better and back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hite, of Appomattox spent Wednesday with Mrs. R. B. McCormick, and they attended the home demonstration club meeting at Mrs. Georgia Schindlers in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ferguson and children visited Mr. Marshall Ferguson during the week-end.

Misses Frances Carson, Virginia Rush and Mr. Luther Reynolds were home from college for the holidays.

Rev. J. P. Leitner, of Evergreen, who is supplying for us as a pastor, preached a fine sermon here at the Baptist Church Sunday morning.

FARM POLICY SHIFTS FORECAST FOR FUTURE

(Editor's note: This is one in a series of releases on farm outlook from agricultural economists at V. P. I.)

Some shifts in national farm policy are likely not too far away, believe agricultural economists at V. P. I.

There have already been some changes for the next year for some of the major commodities, and they, the economists say "represent compromises of conflicting views on what should be done." In the future, possibly in 1959, the commodity programs are likely to be reexamined with legislative revisions in mind. Critical problems remain in wheat and tobacco, the specialists point out, not only programwise, but income-wise, in terms of alternative enterprise opportunities if income support is withdrawn to some degree. In some areas, alternative opportunities for income are a problem under present support operations.

The economists say Public Law 480 has undoubtedly expanded exports over what they would have been without it, but it tends to increase international friction in the foreign policy field. "Producers in other countries do not look kindly at our inroads on their current or potential markets," they say. The program will be continued, but offers no permanent solution to a chronic surplus problem.

While they say no one can accurately project the future, current political and economic events suggest that there may be the beginning of a trend away from the "idealist - conceived government programs of price and resource adjustment to a more free, but not entirely free, market policy under which prices and costs would be expected to have more influence on land and other resources used in production."

Other forces at work in the farm picture will have an even deeper effect on farming in the 1960's than during the past decade, the economists say. These may well force reconsideration and re-shaping of typical farm programs of the past. These forces include (1) greater specialization in the production of single commodities, or even confined to only one step in the production of a commodity, (2) contract farming calling for specified quality, quantity, and timing, (3) volume production and assembly in order to tap volume retail distribution channels, (4) more intensified off-the-farm manufacture of farm supplies and equipment, and expanded processing facilities, and (5) an even more rapid development and adoption of technological innovations.

The capital needs of future farm operations will be higher and may oblige commercial farmers to develop new ways to organize ownership and management, as well as production methods. The needed capital may become prohibitive for many individual farmers. Other means financing production may be necessary. These forces at work next year and in later years will probably show up in the form of more "vertically integrated" supply and marketing firms, the economists believe.

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Tobacco Markets Settle Into Sales Pattern

Young Farmers Had Convention

Members of Young Farmer Associations in the Appomattox area had prominent roles in the 4th Annual Southside Area Young Farmer-Young Homemaker Convention at South Boston Friday, Dec. 5. More than 200 young men engaged in farming, rural young homemakers, and guests attended the 15-county event.

Bill Williamson, of the Appomattox Young Farmers Association received honorable mention as the "Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year in Southside Virginia." The "Outstanding Young Farm Family of the Year" honor was presented to John and Barbara Collie, of Ringgold, by R. C. Perrow, of Concord. Ray is a member of the State Executive Committee of the Young Farmers of Virginia. On their Pittsylvania County farm the Collie's raise 43 acres of small grain, 22 acres of corn, 87 acres of hay, 25.5 acres of flue-cured tobacco, 1½ acres of Turkish tobacco, and pastures.

Mrs. Travis J. Cardwell, of Concord served as co-chairman during the final convention session. The principal address at this session was made by Prof. H. W. Sanders, head of the vocational agriculture department at V. P. I.

Bill Williamson was elected secretary of the area Young Farmer organization for 1959. Wayne Booth of Concord was named treasurer. Ernest Bowling, of Buckingham was elected vice-president.

Others attending the convention from Appomattox in addition to Williamson, were Richard Krantz, Elantha Drinkard, W. L. Motley, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nash, and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley.

Police Ask Traffic Care

Richmond, Va.- Col. C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police and Chairman of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, today called attention to the added traffic dangers of December which combine to make it the deadliest month of the year.

Last year, he said, the nation's traffic deaths ran to 3,858 which was 556 above the monthly average of 3,202 for the year. In Virginia, they were nine above the monthly average of 76. Here, he noted, Virginia was fortunate, since with the exception of 80 deaths in December, 1956, this was the lowest number since 1949.

In discussing the alcohol factor, Col. Woodson noted drinking is always heavy, with people using alcoholic beverages more than usual and those who seldom use them prone to indulge during the holiday period. There is also the problem of traffic to and from social gatherings where alcohol is used.

Last year, the National Safety Council conducted a special study which showed 55 per cent of the fatal crashes of the Christmas season involved a drinking driver.

Another factor comes with increased hours of darkness since 60 per cent of December's deaths in 1947 occurred in dusk or darkness as against about 42 per cent in June. At this time of year, he said, just about all of the peak traffic of the "going home" hour occurs in obscured light conditions.

A third factor, he felt, is the inattentiveness of both drivers and pedestrians bent on shopping and entertainment with no thoughts of danger to mar their holiday plans. "Combine dangerous darkness, alcohol, increased traffic, and inattentive individuals," he said, "and there is nothing unusual in December's high death rate."

As a final reminder, Col. Woodson warned that death is not the only sad by-product of traffic crashes. "They bring also injuries, arrests, lawsuits, remorse and wrecked cars, any of which can turn a family's potentially merry Christmas into one of deepest gloom," he concluded.

Christmas street lights are on in Appomattox. They were placed in position through the services of the Volunteer Firemen.

Tobacco Vote Set for Tuesday

Appomattox County farmers who grow flue-cured tobacco today got a last-minute reminder about the marketing quota vote to be held on December 15. The polling place for this referendum will be the Clay Voting Precinct. The polls will be open from 8:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M.

Any person having an interest as owner, operator, share tenant, or share cropper in the 1958 crop of flue-cured tobacco is eligible to vote in the referendum. Also, any person may vote who included flue-cured acreage in the 1958 Soil Bank Acreage Reserve or Conservation Reserve Program, or whose farm acreage allotment was preserved under section 377 of the act.

W. D. Hix, III, chairman, County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, pointed out that in this referendum, growers will have the choice of approving quotas for the next three crops, or of disapproving the quota program. At least two-thirds of the growers voting must approve quotas if they are to remain in effect.

A favorable vote will mean acreage allotments, marketing quotas — with penalties on marketings of "excess" tobacco, and price supports on the 1959, 1960, and 1961 crops of flue-cured tobacco.

An unfavorable vote will mean, for marketing purposes, during the 1959-60 marketing year, no allotments, no quotas, and no price support on the 1959 flue-cured crop. In this event, another referendum would be held next year on quotas for the following three crops.

Chairman Hix stressed the importance that all flue-cured tobacco growers go to Chap on December 15 and vote.

Don't stay away and let someone else make the decision.

Demonstration Club Schedule

Home Demonstration Clubs will meet as follows next week:

Dec. 15: Liberty Chapel Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Preston Coleman.

Dec. 16: Appomattox Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. R. C. Hubbard.

Dec. 16: Spout Spring Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Miss Virginia Shirey.

Dec. 18: Le[illegible] Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Hunt Hamilton.

Dec. 18: Pamplin Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Ernest Harwood.

FORMER LOCAL TEACHER ONE OF TWO NOMINATED

Miss Martha Anthony, librarian, at Martinsville High School, and Mrs. W. R. Jobe, teacher of social studies at the Amherst County, H. S., have been nominated for a one year term as president of the Virginia Education Association.

Mrs. Jobe is a former teacher at Appomattox High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Furnes, of this county.

Voting for the office will take place by mailed ballots in the coming spring.

GARDEN CLUB DECORATION JUDGING

The Appomattox Garden Club announces the date of judging Christmas decorations of business concerns will take place on December 18. First, second and third place awards of recognition will be given.

OAKVILLE P.-T. A.

The Rev. Kayle Kelley, of the Concord Methodist Charge, will be the guest speaker at the Oakville P.-T. A. meeting on Tuesday night, December 16. The meeting will be held in the school building, beginning at 7:30 P. M. Music for the program will be furnished by the students of the Oakville school.

GREETING ISSUE ON DEC. 24

Our annual "Christmas Greeting Issue" will be mailed on Wednesday, December 24. All business places are urged to see or phone us at once for space in this special issue, which has become a tradition in Appomattox. Of course, greeting ads will be accepted for any other issue, if so desired.

Hamilton New Lodge Official

A Stated Communication of Monroe Lodge No. 301, A F & A M., was held on December 8, bringing to a close the 1958 Lodge year. For the ensuing year the following officers were elected:

H. P. Hamilton, Worshipful Master
W. C. Hubbard, Senior Warden
G. F. Morris, Junior Warden
J. H. Lucado, Treasurer
J. C. Hudgins, Secretary
E. R. Carter, Senior Deacon
L. M. Bryant, Junior Deacon
R. V. Leffers, Tiler
W. D. Conner, Chaplain
J. E. Beamer, Senior Steward
R. L. Bumgardner, Junior Steward
C. W. Smith, Marshal.

The Lodge enjoyed another good year, increasing its membership and making extensive renovations to the kitchen and dining room. New kitchen equipment is to be installed in 1959.

Robert L. Bumgardner retired as Worshipful Master.

December Meeting Of Town Council

The regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Town Council will be held on Monday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 P. M. at the Town Office.

SCHEDULE SET FOR SHOPPING TOUR

The Jay-C-Ette's Christmas Shopping Tour will be held on December 19, it was announced today. Members are expected to meet at the Liberty Baptist Church at 5:30 P. M. to help with this project, or contact Mrs. Ray Whitholt.

A group of children will be brought in, and will be served dinner in the social room of the Liberty Baptist Church, and then will be taken on a Christmas Shopping Tour in Appomattox. Each child will be given a sum of cash with which to do Christmas shopping. Funds for this purpose were raised in a recent music contest.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT

The Appomattox Volunteer Firemen were called out late Tuesday night to answer an alarm from the property of Dr. Stanley Boyce just south of town. An outbuilding was destroyed, containing a lot of storage items. However, the blaze was limited to the one building.

Your friendly neighbors welcome you to trade in Appomattox during the remaining days of the Christmas shopping season.

Come to Appomattox Dec. 20, to meet the annual Lions Club Santa Claus with gifts for the children.

Mont reagrns as head football coach at the University of Maryland.

Dulles in hospital for a physical check-up.

Democratic committee sets up a platform suggestion for 1960.

Non Compass Mentis

Leaving a cocktail party, one guest went the wrong way on a one-way street when he was stopped by a policeman who inquired, "Where do you think you're going?"

"I dunno," he replied, but I must be late. Everybody's coming back."

Lions Santa Here Dec. 20

It was announced this week that the annual Christmas visit of Santa Claus to Appomattox, sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club, will take place at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, Dec. 20. The event will be held in dovmtown Appomattox, and the children from this entire area will flock to meet Santa, and receive a free gift.

R. V. Leffers is chairman of the Lions Club committee handling this annual event.

MITCHELL HEADS PLAN TO RECOGNIZE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

In keeping with an annual practice in Appomattox, a Christmas purse donation for the Appomattox Volunteer Firemen is being collected. Once again, Mr. E. T. Mitchell is heading up this project. Donations may be given to or mailed to Mr. Mitchell, Appomattox, Va., or left with the employees at Spencer's Drug Store. This is done each Christmas as testimony to the fine volunteer service rendered the community by the firemen.

A. H. S. Loses Opening Game

The Appomattox High School opened its basketball season with a 51 to 46 loss to William Campbell H. S. in a District 4, Group 2 game here Tuesday night. The Appomattox team was the victim of poor passing, and lost the ball a total of 30 times. For local fans, hopes had been built up for a sharper opening performance, as the team had not lost players from last season's victorious combine. Coach Bragg is drilling the team in the hopes of getting back on the victory road.

The A. H. S. team will play New London here Friday night, in both boys and girls games. This is also a league game. On Tuesday, the Appomattox team will play Virginia Episcopal School here in both junior varsity and varsity games. Game time will be 7:30 P. M.

The Appomattox players scoring against William Campbell were: Karl Carter, 13; Sandy Burks, 4; Joey George, 4; Cecil Doss, 6; Randy Almond, 4; Leon Edmunds, 11; Freddie Mitchell, 5.

The A. H. S. girls won over the William Campbell girls by a 52 to 45 score. The girls showed great improvement over last year's team and should have a winning season. Anne Cunningham ,Virginia Merginson and Frances Sanders did most of the scoring for A. H. S.

Local fans are urged to support the teams with attendance at the games.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT SPOUT SPRING

A Christmas program will be given at the Spout Spring Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Fire Department	13	2
Transco No. 1	10	5
Garment Company	9	6
G. E.	8	7
Transco No. 2	7	8
J. C.'s	6	9
B. & W.	4	11
State Police	3	12

High team: Fire Dept., 1613; high set, Billy Conner, 368; high game, Billy Conner 144.

JUNIOR WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will meet on Tuesday, December 16, at 6:45 P. M. at the Appomattox Garment Co. cafteria.

A covered dish supper for members and their husbands and guests will be served. A short business meeting will follow the supper and game party.

Red Crina gradually loosens Soviet ties.

Sales of dark-fired tobacco were setting a normal pattern this week, after a somewhat slow start during the previous week as 1958 markets swung into action. Sales this week began to show the expected pattern that there was a very fine crop of dark tobacco and that prices would be satisfactory to the growers.

For example, on Monday morning, 120,000 pounds were offered at the three warehouses in Farmville, a favorite market for Appomattox growers. The weather was cold, and growers did not know how it was going to turn out. But the warehouses reported prices slightly above the $38.06 average for the opening week.

There was a wholesome demand for the middle grades of leaf, and top quality grades pushed the daily average up to about the $40 mark.

Some choice quality leaf pushed up into the $60 range.

Opening day on the Farmville market saw 633,944 pounds of the dark-leaf going for $241,292, and a general floor average of $38.06. Sun-cured sales added 21,462 lbs. at an average of $33.10.

This was a little less all around than for the 1957 opening, but sales conditions and other factors probably made up the difference.

Thus far, the 1958 season is now falling into a pattern, and it now appears that the top quality of the 1958 offerings will eventually, seasonwise, make this an excellent tobacco year.

As a traditional rule, opening week sales do not fully reflect the quality of the total year's offerings nor of total demand.

After the pre-holiday sales, the warehouses will close for Christmas, reopening in early January. At that time, the peak sales figure will be reached and the pattern for the entire markcting season set.

As sales proceed, the influx of tobacco cish res he into the retail levels, and merchants are able to get Christmas sales into full process. Although dark tobacco is admittingly a somewhat smaller factor in overall farm income than it was a generation ago, still it is a big moment in Central Virginia when the tobacco auctioneer starts his famous chant and the farmer gets his hands on the cash income for his year's work in the tobacco field.

Sale of Burley Tobacco

Several Appomattox growers report fine sales of Burley tobacco. Among these was Paul Thornhill, who sold 988 pounds of Burley on the Abingdon market, for an average of $69.17 per hundred. His sales ranged from $66 to $70 per cwt.

TRANSCO CLUB ASKS FOR TOYS

R. V. Leffers, local Transco Superintendent, reports that there has been a nice response to the annual Transco Club appeal for used toys to be distributed by the club to needy children in time for Christmas. However, he says that more toys are still needed, and the Transco employees will repair the toys if repairs are needed and the toys are turned in far enough in advance of Christmas. Just telephone 2901 for a pick-up arrangement.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA MENU

Dec. 15: Tuna fish salad with crackers, open-face sandwich with melted cheese, sweet potato patties with marshmallows, cookie, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 16: Meat loaf, string beans, whipped potatoes, hot buttered biscuits, apple crunch, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 17: Hot dog in roll with dressing, cole slaw, potato chips, ice cream, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 18: Chili con carne, mixed greens, hot buttered beets, hot corn bread with butter, jello, 1-2 pt. milk.

Dec. 19: Turkey hash and dressing, whipped potatoes, green peas, hot yeast bread, ice cream, 1- 2 pt. milk.

Christmas Pageant And P.-T. A. Meeting

The next meeting of the Appomatto x High School P.-T. A. will be held on December 17. In connection with the program, a Christmas pageant is being planned.